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COMMUNISTS GAIN POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN LAND SACHSEN

NAME NEW SACHSEN-ANHALT MINISTER OF INTERIOR -- Freiheit, No 79, 3 Apr 50

Josef Hegen [photograph available in CIA graphics register No 7020],
 former Inspector-in-Chief of the People's Police in Sachsen-Anhalt, has been
 sworn in as Minister of Interior for that Land.

Hegen was born in 1907 in Hunschgruen, Czechoslovakia, the son of a miner.
 He attended public school and at the age of 14 went to work in a brickyard.
 At an early age he became a member of the Socialist Youth League, but
 later joined a group which opposed the League's policy.

In 1924 he helped organize a local cell of the Communist Party in
 Hunschgruen. From 1933 to 1934 he was a member of the Central Committee
 of the Communist Youth League in Czechoslovakia. Following the occupa-
 tion of that country by Germany, he emigrated on orders from the Central
 Committee. In 1943, after Germany's attack on the Soviet Union, he was
 betrayed to the Gestapo and committed to Mauthausen concentration camp,
 where he remained until 1945. After the establishment of Soviet Zone
 Germany, he became a party functionary in Sachsen. He was appointed Chief
 of the People's Police for Sachsen-Anhalt in 1948.

PURGE CDU MEMBERS IN LAND SACHSEN -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 1177, 5 Jun 50

Professor Hickmann, former leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)
 in Sachsen, and two CDU members of the Sachsen Land Diet, Rohland and Haentz-
 schel, have been expelled from the party by the CDU Land Executive.

Hickmann, who was one of the most prominent bourgeois politicians in East
 Germany, was removed from his various offices at the beginning of 1950 be-
 cause he advocated the neutralization of Germany. The Communists now have
 finally deprived him of his last chance to return to public life, man-
 euvering the affair in such a way as to humiliate the CDU at the same time,
 since Hickmann had to be ousted by his own political adherents. The Com-
 munist method apparently is to compromise the bourgeois party leaders in a
 manner which will make their own followers despise them.

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WOMEN ACTIVE IN SACHSEN-ANHALT PUBLIC LIFE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 110,
13 May 50

The 2.4 million women in Sachsen-Anhalt represent 56 percent of the total population. Their participation in public service and industry has been in proportion to the above figure. Thirty-seven women are burgomasters, 21 are municipal and Kreis counselors, 386 are delegates to Kreis diets and municipal council assemblies, and approximately 3,500 are community representatives.

The largest representation of women is in industry. Over 450,000 women are employed in mining, chemical industry, metallurgy, and light industry. Many of the Land's 700,000 women workers have become activists and occupy key positions in industry.

TEACHERS' GROUP TO PLUG NATIONAL FRONT -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 103, 4 May 50

The first Activist Teachers' Group of the Free German Youth of Sachsen has been established in the Diesterweg School in Werdau. The group's aim is to familiarize the students with the National Front and to get them to work for its objectives.

SHIPYARD WORKERS JOIN GERMAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY -- Taegliche Rundschau,
No 86, 13 Apr 50

Membership in the German-Soviet Friendship Society is increasing steadily by more than 300 monthly in Wismar, a town with a large number of shipyard workers. Total membership for the Kreis is 77,000 at present.

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